

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Bell, Texas



Number of farms

2,080 farms in 2002, 2,099 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

Land in farms

450,923 acres in 2002, 436,793 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Average size of farm

217 acres in 2002, 208 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$40,832,000 in 2002, \$52,839,000 in 1997, down 23 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$17,454,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$23,378,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

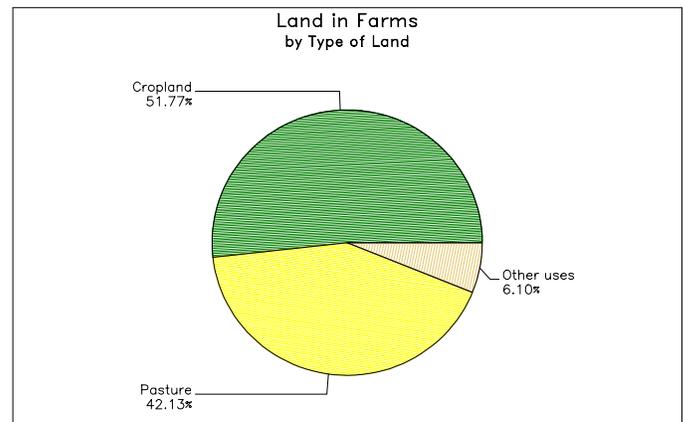
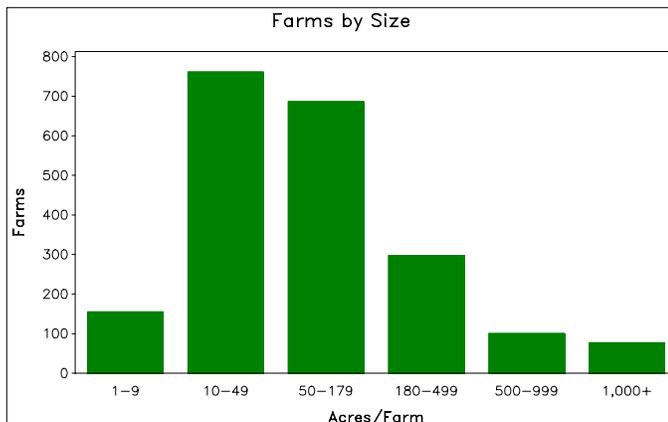
\$19,631 in 2002, \$25,173 in 1997, down 22 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,271,000 in 2002, \$1,548,000 in 1997, down 18 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,353 in 2002, \$3,246 in 1997, up 34 percent.



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Ranked items among the 254 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	40,832	93	254	1,410	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	17,454	63	252	1,277	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	23,378	100	254	1,165	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	15,129	21	235	816	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	239	111	162	485	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	199	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	653	18	224	454	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	178	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,246	78	250	1,041	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	223	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	16,797	94	254	630	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	157	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	170	32	235	1,299	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	250	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	637	37	253	262	3,014
Aquaculture	2	61	110	1,206	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	515	15	208	260	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	(D)	2	186	(D)	2,328
Cattle and calves	51,149	108	254	556	3,059
All Goats	10,433	31	253	32	2,971
Sheep and lambs	3,465	41	244	324	2,867
Horses and ponies	3,333	26	254	160	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	67,421	6	166	369	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	36,015	45	253	573	3,059
Sorghum for grain	18,363	40	194	120	1,307
All Wheat for grain	17,372	52	202	485	2,517
Pecans	3,685	6	222	31	1,194

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	645	Farming	1,056
\$1,000 to \$2,499	409	Other	1,024
\$2,500 to \$4,999	316		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	253	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	217	Male	1,856
\$20,000 to \$24,999	36	Female	224
\$25,000 to \$39,999	66		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	23	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	44		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	39	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	23	White	2,900
\$500,000 or more	9	Black or African American	50
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	43,242	American Indian or Alaska Native	16
Average per farm (\$)	20,769	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	54	More than one race	12
Average per farm (\$)	26	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	94

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.